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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LIBERAL
AND SOCIALIST POLITICIANS IN BERLIN

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1. ALLIED MISSION RECEIVED NO INVITATIONS TO ATTEND
INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LIBERAL POLITICIANS FEB 8-9
IN BERLIN (SITE WAS CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE FROM
REICHSTAG BUILDING TO KEMPINSKI HOTEL). MEETING
ITSELF, ATTENDED INTER ALIA, BY FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER, LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER THORN, AND
GERMAN EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER, ATTRACTED MODEST
PUBLICITY. IN REMARKS CLEARLY TAILORED TO BERLIN
ELECTORAL CAMPAIG, GENSCHER EMPHASIZED TO
PARTICIPANTS THAT QA HAD MADE POSSIBLE "DYNAMIC
DEVELOPMENT" OF FRG-BERLIN TIES; DEFENDED DECISION TO
LOCATED EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN WEST BERLIN; AND TERMED
READINESS OF EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS TO ACCEPT INCLUSION
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OF BERLIN IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH FRG A TEST OF THEIR

DESIRE FOR DETENTE.

2. WHILE MEETING HAS COME AND GONE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT POSITION FORMULATED IN BONN (REFTELS) MAY BE BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION AND MAY SET UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE, MOST IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF PROJECTED FEB 22 MEETING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN BERLIN. WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT PROPOSE THAT ALLIES SEEK TO INJECT THEMSELVES INTO ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL MEETINGS OF THIS SORT OR PLAY ACTIVE ROLE--- SUCH A WELCOMING DELEGATES OR ENGAGING IN FORMAL DISCUSSIONS-- THAT MIGHT CONNOTE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OR BE CONSTRUED AS INTERVENTION IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. ATTENDANCE ON INVITATION IN OBSERVER STATUS AT MEETINGS AND ANY CONCOMITANT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, HOWEVER, IS NORMAL AND ACCEPTED PRACTICE FOR ALLIES IN BERLIN AS PART OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO KEEP ABREAST OF AND REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY. SUCH ATTENDANCE DOES NOT, IN OUR VIEW, IMPLY THAT WE ARE TAKING PARTISAN STANCE OR GIVING OUR SANCTION TO PARTICULAR MEETING, AND FACT THAT ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS IN PROGRESS OR THAT NON-GERMAN POLITICIANS MIGHT BE FEATURED ON PROGRAM SHOULD, WE MAINTAIN, MAKE NO DIFFERENCE. (ALLIED REPS HAVE BEEN ATTENDING MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY RALLIES IN RECENT WEEKS.)

3. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ALLIED EMBASSIES RECONSIDER POSITION SO AS TO ENABLE US TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED TO ATTEND FEB 22 INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GATHERING. GEORGE

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